

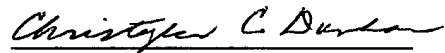
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Allowable claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form to incorporate all the recitals of claims 1 (as previously amended), 3 and 5, on which it was heretofore dependent. Allowable claim 10 is dependent on claim 9. Claim 29 has been made dependent on allowable claim 9. Claim 30 is dependent on claim 29. All other claims have been cancelled, without prejudice.

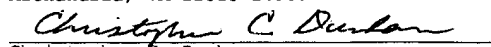
Claims 9 (independent), 10, 29 and 30 are in the application. No claim has been allowed, but claims 9 and 10 were merely objected to, and not rejected on any ground, in the latest Office Action. The objection, though unspecified, is believed to have been the dependence of these claims on a rejected claim or claims. The rewriting of claim 9 in independent form to incorporate all limitations of the base claim and intervening claims is submitted to overcome this objection, rendering claim 9 allowable. Claims 10, 29 and 30, all now dependent on claim 9, are submitted to be allowable therewith.

For the foregoing reasons, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable action thereon is accordingly courteously requested.

Respectfully,

  
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